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Utah's Centenarians Party Friday

Utah's two oldest residents, both women, are expected to participate in the 20th Annual Centenarians Day party Friday for Utahns 100 years of age and older. Approximately 30-to-35 centenarians plan to attend along with their family members.

Mrs. Rhea Barnett, the state's oldest known resident at 108, lives in West Jordan. The second oldest person is Mrs. Ivy Brooks, 106, who lives in Salt Lake City. The state's oldest man, Dr. Russell B. Clark, 105, will speak.

Gov. Jon M. Huntsman Jr. and First Lady Mary Kaye Huntsman and Lt. Gov. Gary R. Herbert and Mrs. Jeanette Herbert host the annual event.

The party will be at Utah State Fairpark's Bonneville Building, 201 N. 1000 West, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Utah has at least 155 centenarians, according to 2000 Census data, and 128 are known to Utah Division of Aging and Adult Services. Their population is predicted to reach 1,400 by 2050, about the size of Duchesne, Coalville or Kamas.

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